

**ABSTRACT**  
**DETECTING AND COMPENSATING FOR COLOR MISREGISTRATION**  
**PRODUCED BY A COLOR SCANNER**

5       A method, computer program product and system for detecting and  
compensating for color misregistration. A black/white edge or a solid color edge on a  
target may be scanned. A black/white edge may refer to a black image, e.g., black  
text, on a white surrounding background having a rapid spatial transition from black  
to white. A solid color edge may refer to a solid color image, e.g., solid color text, on  
a white surrounding background having a rapid spatial transition from color to white.  
10       A curve of gray values versus spatial pixel positions for each color channel, e.g., red,  
green and blue color channels, may be generated. A misregistration error may then  
be calculated by calculating the offset between the color channel curves. The  
misregistration error may then be used to calibrate the scanner to compensate for the  
detected color misregistration.